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APPEALS #2

Appellant: Cathedral Peak Ranch Landowner's Association, Inc.
2981 G Road
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(970) 261- 2727
An association representing 114 landowner's.

Contact: Robin Laurin, Secretary / Treasurer

Document: Record of Decision
Gunnison National Forest Travel Management
U. S. Forest Service
Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forest
Dated 06/30/2010

Responsible Official: Charles S. Richmond

Decision Rationale for Specific Routes and Other Aspects of Travel
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A decision to re-classify these roads to "administrative use only" is unfair and unjust to the adjacent landowner's as well as the general public.

1. Although we need access to maintain our reservoirs, dams and ditches our other concern is Mr. Richmond's wording "Access to private water developments "may" be authorized for owners of those facilities". Our water rights and our water system predate U.S. Forest Service management of the land. Hence, we were there first. Maintenance on our system should not be subject to "may" be authorized but "shall" be authorized.
2. Alternative proposals were submitted to the Forest Service during the comment period from Cathedral Peak Ranch or its representatives , and Thunder Mountain 4-Wheelers Club.

Although there is no legal access designed for public use to this area, the public has accessed the area by trespassing through private property from Crystal Creek Rd and have established ATV trails that have been used for years.

Cathedral Peak Ranch Landowner's Association, Inc. and Thunder Mountain 4-Wheelers Club proposed to the Forest Service to establish a legal ATV trail using an existing logging road on Forest Service land. We offered to build the trail, including a parking area, at our expense. This would allow the public legal use of the land along with the adjacent properties.

We ask that you reconsider our proposal and leave the Cathedral Peak area open to ATV motorized travel for the enjoyment of the people and not restrict the maintenance capabilities of those who have water systems on the forest land.

Respectfully,



Robin Laurin

Secretary / Treasurer

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